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# STARRED QUESTIONS

## Motor Vehicles Act

*Control and regulation of motor traffic in the mufassal.*

* 1774 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have decided to take any further steps for the control and regulation of motor traffic in the mufassal ; and

(*b*) if so, what the measures proposed are ?

*A.*—(*a*) & (*b*) Questions relating to the control and regulation of motor traffic will be considered by the Committee appointed to revise the Motor Vehicles Rules.

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI :—" May I know whether any attempt is being made by the committee to regulate traffic ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" An expert committee in Bombay is considering the question. The Government of India also have been considering this question of making standard rules for the whole of India, and as soon as they have considered these, the committee will start work."

## Police

*Alleged summoning of certain respectable Ulemas and Muslims by the Police.*

* 1775 Q.—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that some Ulemas and other respectable Muslims of Triplicane and Royapetta were summoned by the Inspector of Police in connexion with the recent Ramzan incident ;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, whether the Police have acted in this matter under instructions from the Government ;

(*c*) what is the criterion on the basis of which those particular Ulemas and leading men were selected ; and

(*d*) whether the Government are aware that the Inspector of Police sent them the summons orally through constables ?

*A.*—(*a*) The Government have no information.
(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) Do not arise.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know why the information asked for is not got, as the question is an important one and there is no difficulty to secure it in view of the fact that it took place in the City ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" The question is whether the Government are aware, and I say no ; and if the hon. Member wants the information I shall get it."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" Is it a fact that the incident took place as a result of the illegal order of the Government Kazi ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" It is not so. The order was perfectly legal."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" I want to know whether Government are aware that some Ulemas and respectable Muslims of Triplicane were summoned by the Inspector of Police in connexion with the Ramzan incident."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Government are not aware of this ; but they are aware of the fact that the incident was caused mainly by the mischief of some interested people who have purposely created the disturbance."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" I say Government have information of this, that it was at their instance respectable Muslims and Ulemas were summoned by the Inspector of Police. I say, Sir, summonses were orally issued through constables."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " No, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know whether the hon. the Home Member is aware of the fact that it was due to the order of the Kazi in this matter, which was purely illegal, that the incident took place and so many private persons were summoned by the police ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " The order of the Government Kazi was perfectly legal. The whole incident was due to the mischief of certain interested people who have purposely gone over there to create trouble."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know how did Government know that certain people came there to do mischief ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " That is my information. There is no question about it."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" Who are the people responsible for the mischief ? May I know their names ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Notice."

Mr. K. UPPI SAHIB :—" Is it not a fact that on that date the majority of the Muslim population did not observe Ramzan ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " With the exception of one or two mosques in about a dozen mosques prayers were offered in all the mosques in the City."

Mr. K. UPPI SAHIB :—" Is it not due to the fact that the festival ought not to be observed on that date that the incident took place ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" The festival was rightly observed on the 2nd March."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know how the police got the names of the several persons whom they sent for as being responsible for the incident ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— "The police evidently know their activities on that day."

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Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" Has the hon. the Home Member satisfied himself that the police were right in summoning orally respectable Muslims ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It has been answered that the Government have no information."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" Did the Home Member give the names ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The member has no right to put that question."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know from where did the police get the information about these persons ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" What information ? "

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" The information that the persons summoned by the Inspector of Police were responsible for the incident."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I shall call for the information."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" But does that mean that Ulemas and respectable Muslims should be suspected, simply because they have not supported the Government Kazi, the hon. Home Member's nominee ? "

HON. MEMBERS :—" Order, order."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question is not admissible."

## Forests

*List of forest trees and produce utilized for industrial purposes.*

*1776 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased—

(i) to place before the Council a list of forest trees and forest produce that can be used for industrial purposes ; and

(ii) to state—

(*a*) whether such a list has been prepared and published and an exhibition made of such timber and produce at any public fairs or exhibitions in India and elsewhere ; and

(*b*) if so, whether a list of the articles exhibited is available, how and where ?

A.—(i) A list[a] of the more important forest trees and forest produce that can be so used is appended.

(ii) (*a*) Yes. The publications are " Short Notes on Madras Timbers " and " The Common Commercial Timbers of India and their uses". The publications of the Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun, also contain such information. Exhibitions have been made at—

(1) The Park Fair and Exhibition, Madras, for the last three years during Christmas.

[a] Printed as Appendix VII on pages 942–943 infra.